# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:113
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001
INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have drawn up an ambitious plan to double the food production in ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the crops identified thereunder;

(d) the fiscal incentives and other subsidies proposed to be given to the farmers under the scheme;

(e) whether any particular areas have been selected for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.113 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2001.

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission have set up a target of doubling foodproduction by the end of X Five Year Plan and the Action Plan year i.e., 2007-08. However, food production does not mean only cereals or foodgrains but also other food items such as fruits & vegetables, milk, eggs, fish etc. In this regard the Planning Commission have suggested the following targets:

Food Items Production Targets (Million Tonnes)

| | IX Plan (2001-02) | X Plan(2006-07) | Action Plan (2007-08) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rice | 99.0 | 124.2 | 130.0 |
| Wheat | 83.0 | 104.1 | 109.0 |
| Coarse cereals | 35.5 | 40.0 | 41.0 |
| Pulses | 16.5 | 19.4 | 20.0 |
| Total Foodgrains | 234.0 | 287.7 | 300.0 |
| Oilseeds | 30.0 | 42.7 | 45.0 |
| Sugarcane | 336.0 | 435.2 | 495.0 |
| Fruits & Vegetables | 179.0 | 307.2 | 342.0 |
| Milk | 87.0 | 121.5 | 130.0 |
| Egg (Million Nos.) | 3500.0 | 4928.6 | 5300.0 |
| Fish | 6.9 | 9.1 | 9.6 |

(d): A number of Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented bythe Central Government to supplement the efforts of the State Governments and UnionTerritories. Under these, financial assistance is being provided to the farmers in the form of subsidies on critical inputs including seeds and implements etc. For implementing these schemes the following financial allocations were made by the Planning Commission to the Ministry of Agriculture during the IX Five Year Plan:

(Rupees in Crores)

| Sl.No. | Ministry/Department | Budget support |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Agriculture & Cooperation | 9153.82 |
| 2. | Agriculture Research & Education | 3376.95 |
| 3. | Animal Husbandry & Dairy | 2345.64 |
| | Total | 14876.41 |

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.